Kohinoor diamond

1936. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally abandoned its efforts to get back 'Kohinoor' diamond from UK; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (b) Government is continuing to explore ways & means for obtaining a satisfactory resolution of the matter.

Bus service between Amritsar and Nankana Sahib

1937. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to start a bus service from Amritsar to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (b) India and Pakistan agreed in principle to start the Amritsar-Nankana Sahib Bus Service in a technical meeting held in Islamabad on May 10-11, 2005. The next round of meeting to discuss the modalities of the bus service would be held soon at mutually convenient dates.

Musharraf's deliberation in SAFMA Conference

1938. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the address given by the Pakistani President to a SAFMA Conference including an over 30 strong delegation from India in Islamabad on the 20th May, 2005 suggesting a time frame and a formula for resolution of the Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, whether any official communication has been received in this regard; and